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1. US NATIONAL GROUP, A NON-GOVERNMENTAL BODY THAT IS
AUTHORIZED (LIKE NATIONAL GROUPS OF OTHER COUNTRIES) BY THE
STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE TO NOMINATE
FOUR CANDIDATES FOR JUDGES OF THAT COURT, HAS NOMINATED
THE FOLLOWING FOR VACANCIES OPENING FEB. 1979: ROBERTO
AGO (ITALY), ABDULLAH ALI EL-ERIAN (EGYPT), JOSE SETTE
CAMARA (BRAZIL), AND RICHARD R. BAXTER (UNITED STATES).

THE NATIONAL GROUP DID NOT NOMINATE THE FOLLOWING WHO ALSO ARE CANDIDATES: JUDGE EERO MANNER (FINLAND), AMBASSADOR GOMEZ ROBLEDO (MEXICO), JUDGE M. EDILBERT RAZAFINDRALAMBO (MADAGASCAR) OR MR. H.W. JAYEWARDENE (SRI LANKA).

2. JUDGES WILL BE ELECTED BY THE UN LATER THIS FALL. THE US IS NOT OBLIGATED TO VOTE FOR THE NOMINEES OF THE US NATIONAL GROUP, BUT NOMINATION BY THE US NATIONAL GROUP IS AN INDICATION OF THE HIGH REGARD IN WHICH THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE HELD AND WILL CERTAINLY BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN US DECISION. FINAL DECISIONS AS TO US VOTES WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL WE KNOW WHETHER WESTERN EUROPEAN, AFRICAN,

AND LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL GROUPS HAVE AGREED ON A SINGLE CANDIDATE.

3. AMBASSADORS OF EGYPT, BRAZIL, ITALY, MEXICO AND FINLAND, ALL OF WHOM SOLICITED US NATIONAL GROUP SUPPORT FOR THE CANDIDATES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONALITIES, HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE GROUP'S ACTION.

4. THE US WILL, OF COURSE, SUPPORT THE CANDIDACY OF PROFESSOR RICHARD BAXTER. PROFESSOR BAXTER WAS BORN FEBRUARY 24, 1921. HE ATTENDED HARVARD LAW SCHOOL. HE HAS SERVED AS COUNSELOR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAS BEEN ON US DELEGATIONS TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IN 1974 AND TO CONFERENCES ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW. HE HAS LECTURED AT INSTITUTES IN CANADA, UK, FRG, POLAND, SWEDEN, BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS, SWITZERLAND, EGYPT AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND HAS WRITTEN A VARIETY OF BOOKS AND ARTICLES ON TOPICS CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL LAW.

5. MORE DETAILS FOLLOW SEPTTEL. VANCE

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